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Notice of Allowability

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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to telephone interview of 11/18/2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 21.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____


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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Jerry Trainello on November 18, 2005.

The application has been amended as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1-20 have been CANCELED;

New claim 21 has been INSERTED as follows:

Claim 21 (new): A putter comprising:

a putter head body having a front face, a rear face, a topside and a bottom and further including a shaft-receiving bore located substantially at the center of the topside of the putter head body and extending into the putter head body;

a shaft substantially centrally attached to the topside of the putter head; said shaft extending into the shaft-receiving bore within the putter head body;

pivotal means for joining said putter head body and said shaft such that the putter head body may rotate with respect to the shaft while the shaft is held substantially firmly in a golfer's hands during striking of a golf ball with the front face of the putter head body;

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a tapered piece located on said shaft and adjacent to said top surface of said putter head body ; said tapered piece including attaching means for attaching said tapered piece to said shaft; said tapered piece further including viewable indicia thereon;

whereby with the inclusion of said viewable indicia the amount of putter head body rotation that occurs when a golf ball is struck off-center enables a golfer to identify where the golf ball has struck the front face of the putter head body.

IN THE ABSTRACT:

The abstract of 07/05/2005 has been REPLACED with the following new abstract:

- - A golf putter having a putter head that rotates when struck off-center by a golf ball includes a shaft that is centered on the putter head. The shaft and the putter head both include indicating lines that line-up and, upon the putter head being struck, will move out of alignment, with the amount of rotation visually showing the golfer where on the putter head the ball struck. The indicating lines are easily lined up again for the next putt. - -

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: During the interview with the applicant on November 18, 2005, the applicant agreed to cancel all of claims 1-20 and accept the proposed new claim 21 that was outlined in the last Office action, mailed 09/20/2005. The prior of record does not show or render obvious the

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combination of a putter head body, a shaft substantially centrally attached to the topside of the putter head, pivotal means for joining said putter head body to said shaft and a tapered piece with viewable indicia thereon, as further detailed and as now required by new claim 21.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion


Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sebastiano Passaniti whose telephone number is 571-272-4413. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday (6:30AM - 3:00PM).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Eugene L. Kim can be reached on 571-272-4463. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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